

MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: VIRGINIA SLIM Timber Sale #30-074742, and associated Forest Practice #2511423, is a 216-acre regeneration harvest of five units and three acre right-of-way harvest. There are 11,874 feet of required road construction, and 1,003 feet of optional road construction, which if constructed will be abandoned.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Designating RMZs averaging 191-214 feet wide adjacent to five type 3 streams and at least 100 feet wide along four type 4 streams to maintain habitat for winter steelhead, bull trout, and other fish.
- Leaving a total of 1,792 Douglas-fir, western redcedar, red alder and bigleaf maple for green tree and snag recruitment.
- Bounding out approximately 21 acres of potentially unstable slopes.
- Analyzing, designing, and constructing a road system to minimize adverse effects on the environment. Implementing the Lower Chehalis Cooperative Road Management Agreement. The Lower Chehalis Cooperative Road Management Agreement between the Washington Department of Natural Resources and Washington State Department of Wildlife aims to:
 - ◆ reduce disturbance to wildlife during critical periods;
 - ◆ reduce siltation of lakes and streams;
 - ◆ provide nonmotorized recreation;
 - ◆ reduce poaching;
 - ◆ increase big game escapement; and
 - ◆ minimize landowner/sportsman conflicts.

Proponent: Washington Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Parts of Sections 32, 33, and 34, Township 16 North, Range 5 West, W.M., and Section 4, Township 15 North, Range 5 West, W.M. approximately four miles west of Littlerock, WA, located along the V-Line Road.

Lead agency:

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☒ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from August 29, 2003. Comments must be submitted by September 12, 2003.**

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.